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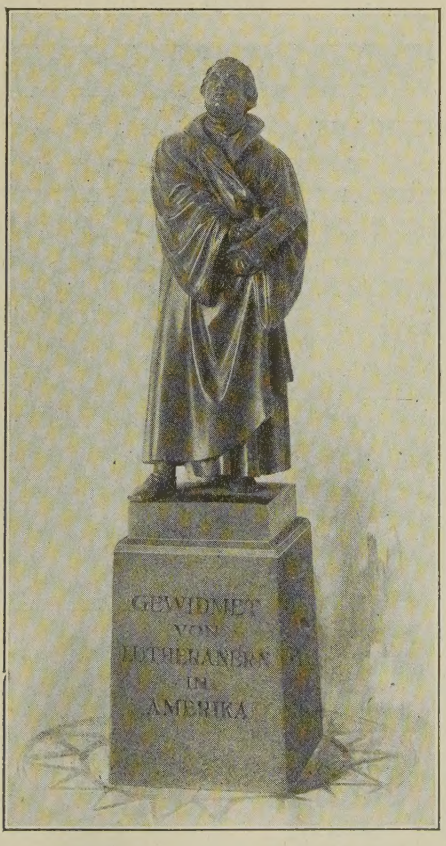

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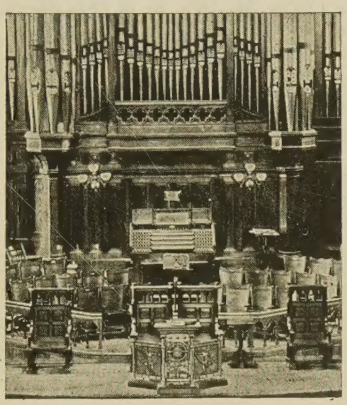

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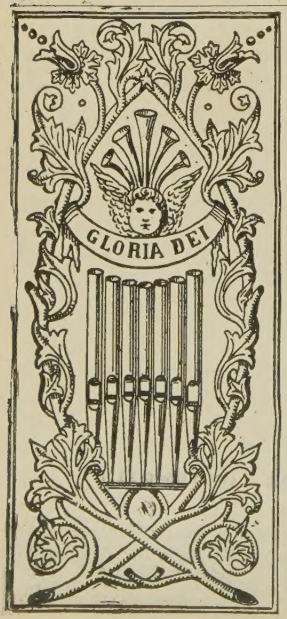

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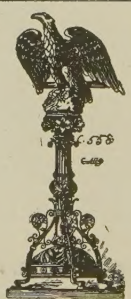

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The Lutheran Church Home

Buffalo, N. Y.

By Mrs. F. A. Kahler

LIKE many noble institutions of mercy, the Lutheran Church Home for the Aged and Infirm of Buffalo, N. Y., had a very small beginning. Two aged women needed care, and there was no suitable place for them. One who felt their sorrows suggested that the German and English churches unite in establishing a distinctly denominational home, "so that no aged Lutheran of Buffalo need die in the almshouse." At first the encouragement was slender. A lad hearing the project discussed said, "I'll give the first dollar." A friend gave a deed for a small farm that had come to him in payment of a debt. A young woman offered two years of her time as matron, "to put such an institution on its feet," in memory of her parents who had passed to the heavenly home.

A mass meeting was called at St. John's Church, April 7, 1896, and the plan laid before the people. They assented with enthusiasm to the purpose to open a home in a small but right way, trusting God to "give the increase." The "dollar idea" prevailed. Cards of membership were issued, and more than 300 subscriptions for $1 a year were immediately returned. Officers were chosen representing ten churches, English, German and Swedish. A house was immediately rented at 390 Walden avenue, and on June 2 it was formally opened, 1,200 people inspecting the bright rooms, laying $936 on the treasurer's desk, singing hymns of gratitude and praying for God's blessing upon the work. All were served with refreshments in a tent at the rear of the building. It was delightful. There were no Germans or Swedes or "Americans," they were all *Lutherans.*

Furniture was brought to make every room comfortable. Two old people were at once received. The Board of Directors had been organized, with Mr. Wm. Hengerer,

president; Rev. F. A. Kähler, D.D., vice-president; Rev. E. F. Bachmann, secretary; Dr. Franklin Gram, financial secretary, and Mr. Christian Klinck, treasurer. A Woman's Advisory Board had for its president Mrs. Hengerer; vice-president, Mrs. Atkins; secretary, Mrs. Zaeher, and treasurer, Mrs. Reimann. Miss Louise E. Kähler was chosen matron.

Friends have flocked to the support of the institution from its inception to the present time. Many applications for admission have been made, and it has been necessary to exercise care that only the most deserving and needy find a home there.

Monthly meetings of the Women's Board have kept the needs of the institution before the churches represented, and it has never been necessary to "beg." Remembering that "giving is not a branch of dentistry," the friends have made their gifts as love brings flowers to the heart held dear, gladly and gratefully.

The first annual report January, 1897, gave the following items: Eight inmates. House furniture insured for $1,500. Income $2,200. Expenses $700. Contributing members 737. The latest annual report January, 1900, gives 25 inmates, of whom five are men. Eight physicians offering gratuitous service. Income $4,222. Expenses $2,744.

In October of 1897 a second building was opened. It was connected with the first

INTERIOR VIEW OF THE HOME

house by an upper hall, and in a very few days every room in it was prettily furnished by contribution of churches or individuals. The different churches take turns in sending a weekly Visiting Committee to cheer the family, and none goes empty handed or returns cold of heart. "Blessing others themselves they bless." The house furnishing and the table supplies have been from the beginning the care of many friends, and there are now eight necessaries, as sugar, tea or coffee, on the "free list." The matron has never needed to buy any flour or soap or starch, all has been gladly given. There have been no "large donations, but multitudes of small ones are better, proving many warm hearts."

"Just as the wise men thought it meet
To offer Him gold and perfumes sweet,
We would lay our gifts at His holy feet."

The Home has brought many blessings; first, to the happy men and women it has sheltered, next to those who have made it what it is, *a Lutheran Church Home*, with all the beautiful name implies, and also to the congregations it has brought into closer harmony. It is one of the Lord's savings banks for laying up treasures with Him. When the Lutherans of all lands visit Buffalo next year to see the Pan-American exhibition they should also visit the Church Home, and judge for themselves of its charm and merit. Would that every Lutheran center in our land had such a Home of love and mercy!

An Analysis of "Ein Feste Burg"

By Rev. F. H. Knubel

WE love, and rightly love, that hymn of Luther's. People of many tongues are singing it, and there are scores of translations into English, though none have equalled the mighty original—mighty with the ruggedness, trust and majestic strength of Luther's character. "There is something in it," says Carlyle, "like the sound of Alpine avalanches or the first murmur of earthquakes." It has steadied, strengthened, inspired multitudes of wavering, fearing, doubting hearts; it has been the comfort of persecuted Salzburgers, Huguenots and religious outcasts of many lands; it has been the victorious battle-song of host upon host, and man upon man; the stories of its use are stirring; it has often been baptized with fire and blood. If holy memories can make a thing dear to us, if the blood of martyrs shed for Truth can make us more highly resolve to live and die for that Truth, then, Lutherans, Protestants, this hymn of the Reformation and its Truth are worth all the love you have to give, all the life you have to offer.

Besides being sung by people of many tongues, as already stated, it is also true that this hymn is never well sung unless many tongues are uniting to sing in unison its melody and many hearts filled with its truth are giving those tongues their utterance; thus is its power rightly known. Let it, therefore, be noted, that to write a hymn which can be heard best and properly only thus, which demands the power of the whole human voice and of thousands of voices—to compose such a hymn demands a great heart, a heart that can feel the beating pulses of thousands of men at once and give voice to their feeling in word and measure, a heart that has received something of the wideness of Christ's love.

The direct occasion and origin of the hymn is hidden in uncertainty. Yet that need not concern us. It is based upon the Forty-sixth Psalm, and its real origin is in the life experience of its author. Mendelssohn has well conceived it in his Reformation symphony. "The first part of that unique symphony is broken and confused, but intermixed with strains from the hymn. Then follows a pretty pastoral. Then the din begins again, louder and harsher than ever, but the listener feels that the notes of the great choral are gaining strength and unity. At length, in the climax of the composition, all the instruments sweep together into the notes of the hymn, and the piece ends with one of the most majestic movements that Mendelssohn ever conceived." That is the story of Luther and of the hymn. There is the first and early confusion, unrest, struggle of his life issuing into the pastoral peace of his heart when first he realized the forgiveness of all his sins freely through faith in Christ alone; then struggle again, worse than before, the result of proclaiming this old yet new truth, the result of following what that truth made necessary in all his faith and in his opposition to the powers about him, powers of earth and hell; then the mighty climax, the triumph of faith, when out of the struggle he sang this hymn, a cry of assured victory for God, for Christ, for the Word, for the Kingdom of Heaven, for all the saints. This is the

real origin, whatever the immediate occasion may have been.

Now what is the meaning of "Ein Feste Burg?" Certainly it is one prolonged song of victorious faith. It would exhaust pages and unearth the larger part of all Christian truth were one to attempt a full analysis of its statements; such literary and theological surgery might further seem improper to the hymnologist. Yet it has appeared to the writer that we Lutherans with all our devotion to and study of the hymn have neglected to notice the beautiful and evident progress of thought running through it from beginning to end, the series of pictures which the stanzas present; once noted it becomes evident that they must have been in Luther's mind. For let us take the first:

"A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from every need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old bitter foe
Means us deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight,
On earth is not his equal."

That picture might be named "Before the Battle," and stands out clearly: A towered fortress, a stronghold, like so many of Luther's day, like the Wartburg, high on its eminence, thoroughly fortified, beautiful in its grim, firm, forbidding strength; all around are other hills with valleys between all thickly wooded; the defenders are within, for the foe, the old foe, as the Edomites were for Israel of old, has been seen approaching, sly, cruel, determined and mighty, inspiring fear. Now the second:

"In our own strength can naught be done,
Our loss were soon effected;
But for us fights the Proper One
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
There is no other God,
He'll hold the field of battle."

Here are "The Two Champions," as so often in the bygone, the armies waited while single combat was made by two leaders; as David fought with Goliath; as the prophet of Israel once saw the single one (Isa. 63: 1-3) coming from Edom (the enemy), with dyed garments, red in his apparel, having trodden the winepress alone, mighty to save, whose own arm without help brought salvation; as Christ fought singly as our Champion for us in the days of His life, fighting with Satan in the wilderness' temptation, fighting all the day of life, fighting in the night-darkness of Calvary's cross, yet holding and winning the field of battle, securing our salvation. But there is more:

"Though devils all the world should fill,
All watching to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They cannot overpower us.
The world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged, the deed is done,
One little word o'erthrows him."

This is "The Struggle of the Hosts." The fight between the champions over, the armies rush, one in anger at their defeat, the other with the assurance of the victory already gained by their leader. Thus did the ranks of Israel run when David had slain the Giant. Thus must the hosts of Christ follow up His victory for them and with Him struggle to the end, for the hosts of hell, mad in their defeat, are filling the world and striving. Yet we do not fear, we fight a beaten enemy, each of us holds the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, and that cannot be resisted. Then the end:

"The Word they still must let remain,
And not a thank have for it,
He's by our side upon the plain,
With His good gifts and spirit.
Take they then our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife;
When their worst is done
They yet have nothing won,
The kingdom ours remaineth."

This is "After the Battle." We have suffered loss, great loss. The enemy hurts us sore, but we hold our swords, the Word is ours, and the Kingdom ours forever.

That is the story Luther tells us in his hymn; that is the panorama he passes before our eyes; though each succeeding picture gives some reminder of the one before and points toward the one to come, yet each has its distinct thought. Out of his life of turmoil and struggle, the Reformer sang this song of conscious, assured victory.

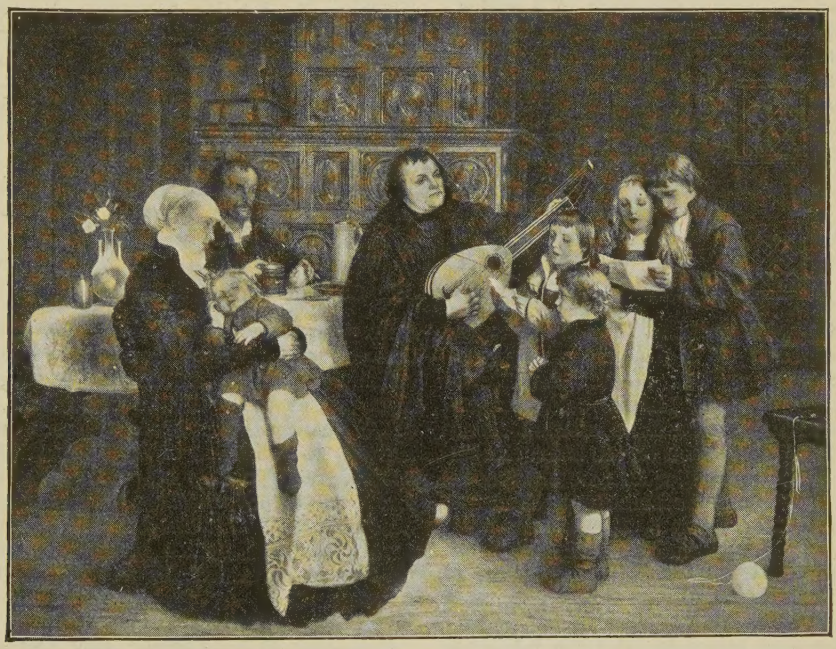
Now as we come down from the hights of that man's faith into our own selfish, calculating, faithless lives, how great is the descent! How cheap, how small we seem! Let us remember that we are living in the third stanza of the hymn; that the enemy is living, vigorous, guileful and mighty; that the same victories are still to be won for faith; that the trusty weapon is in our hand; that the same assurance of victory is ours—for remember, we fight a beaten enemy. Let us learn to pray from the heart those words in the Collect of our evening service that we may be "defended from the FEAR of our enemies."

—All the newly elected members of the State Legislature from Newberry County, S. C., are Lutherans, three in number, and Lutherans fill altogether seven out of the 13 offices elective this year. In Lexington County Lutherans were elected to all the offices except one.

The Luther Memorial Statue

To be Placed in the Cathedral Church at Speyer, Germany

OUR readers will recall that in the article regarding the Memorial Protestant Cathedral now being erected at Speyer-on-the-Rhine, which appeared in the July issue of the REVIEW, it was stated that the donation of the American Lutherans to this great monument of Protestantism in the birthplace of our Church is to be a colossal bronze statue of Dr. Martin Luther. This statue is to be placed in the center of the Memorial Hall, which comprises the ground floor of the tower, and is 35 feet in diameter and 60 feet in hight; the tower itself reaching the lofty altitude of 300 feet. In this Hall the figure of the "Hero of Protestantism" is to stand on a granite pedestal bearing this inscription in German: "Gewidmet von Lutheraner in Amerika." The statue, of which an illustration appears on the first page of this issue, will be the work of a famous German sculptor, and will be similar to the one in Washington, D. C., before the Memorial Church of that city. It will be surrounded by smaller statues of the six princes who signed the articles of protestation, contributed by their descendants.



LUTHER AND HIS FAMILY

When Dr. Albert Beyschlag, the delegate of the German Church, visited the United States to get contributions for the Cathedral, he very wisely put the task of raising the funds for this, the distinctive American Lutheran Memorial, in charge of the gentlemen who, as members of the Luther Statue Association of the United States, had erected the splendid statue at Washington. Accordingly, the above society at its annual meeting at Washington last May unofficially took up this work and will push it to a successful termination, and it is hoped speedily raise at least $5,000. The plan decided on was to interest all the churches, Sunday schools and young people's societies, regardless of synodical connection, and have them, by their united contributions, make this an offering of all the Lutherans of America.

It was further suggested that the Sunday schools set apart St. Martin's Day, Sunday, November 11, 1900 (the day Martin Luther was baptized and from which he took his name, and which is also the day following his birthday), as a special time for making contributions to this cause.

Hon. Charles A. Schieren, of New York, treasurer of the Luther Statue Association, who has kindly agreed to act as treasurer of this fund also, is the owner of the famous painting by Professor Spangenburg, the great German artist, of Luther, his wife, Catherina von Bora, and their children, con-

sidered the finest family group of the Reformer's household extant, and which is illustrated herewith.

Mr. Schieren bought this painting at the sale of the Probasco collection in 1887, and has generously offered to present a splendid photographic reproduction of it, size 12½ x 16 inches, to every Sunday school, Luther League, or person contributing $2 or more toward this fund. It is thus within the reach of all Sunday schools to decorate their rooms with this work of art, and at the same time help along a noble object—namely, to preserve a great historical event in the life of our beloved Lutheran Church, and show the Lutherans of the Old World that Luther is beloved and rememberd in America. It is hoped that all our pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and, in fact, all Lutherans in this country will take this matter in hand and do what they can to bring it to a quick and successful conclusion by responding promptly to the circulars they will receive. The members of the Statue Association, and those co-oprating with them in this work, are:

A. J. D. Wedemeyer, president, Liberty, N. Y.; Hon. G. A. Dobler, secretary, Baltimore, Md.; Hon. Chas. A. Schieren, treasurer, 45 Ferry street, New York; Rev. J. G. Butler, D.D., Washington, D. C.; Hon. J. A. Geissenhainer, New York; United States Senator Knute Nelson, Minnesota; United States Senator Geo. L. Wellington, Cumberland, Md.; Geo. Ryneal, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Rev. Milton H. Valentine, Philadelphia, Pa.; Hon. Wm. H. Staake, Philadelphia, Pa.; Louis Manss, Cincinnati, Ohio; Alexander Gebhart, Dayton, Ohio; William Hengerer, Buffalo, N. Y.; H. Brumder, Milwaukee, Wis.; R. G. Chisholm, Charleston, S. C.; Jere Carl, York, Pa.; C. A. Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.; G. N. Swan, Sioux City, Iowa; Martin Wulff, New York; Henry Villard, Esq. (a native of Speyer), New York.

Luther League of Illinois

Sixth Annual Convention at De Kalb, September 4 and 5, 1900

FILLED with enthusiasm and in happy expectancy of a pleasant and profitable meeting for mutual encouragement, 68 loyal Luther League delegates, together with many friends, presented themselves at the first sesion of the sixth annual convention of the Luther League of Illinois, held in the Swedish Lutheran Church at De Kalb, September 4 and 5, 1900.

At 2 p. m. the convention was called to order by the president, Prof. C. O. Solberg, Ottawa, and the opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. W. Stark, pastor loci, who also welcomed the delegates on behalf of the congregation and Young People's Society. President C. O. Solberg responded, and greetings were then heard from the district Leagues, bespeaking progress and hopeful prospects for the future. In the absence of the secretary Miss May C. Mellander, of Elgin, was chosen secretary *pro tem.*

The president's report was heard, and referred to a Committee on Resolutions. The Extension Committee reported that five district Leagues had been organized during the year. After hearing a report from the Committee on Credentials, the session adjourned.

SECOND SESSION

At 8 p. m., as the tolling of the church bell proclaimed the hour, the convention reassembled. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, Chicago. The convention then listened to an inspiring, scholarly address, entitled "The Lutheran Type of Piety," by Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D., of Chicago, president of the General Council. Rev. L. A. Johnston, of St. Paul, Minn., addressed the assembly on "The Need of the Lutheran Type of Piety in Contemporary Christianity." This address was pronounced highly edifying by all present. These papers were requested for publication in the REVIEW.

President Solberg then appointed as a

Committee on Resolutions: Rev. Carl Christensen, Geneva; Miss Adele Rahlfs, Chicago; Rev. F. L. Sigmund, Carthage; Miss Annie Rovitstad, Elgin; Mr. Chas. A. Westerberg, Rockford.

And as a

Committee on Nominations: Prof. A. Alfred Holmes, Chicago; Mr. Francis Hughes, Dixon; Rev. Chas. P. McLaughlin, Chicago; Rev. L. Grey, Chadwick; Miss Julia Johnson, Moline.

After the benediction had been pronounced the convention adjourned to the church parlors, where a reception was tendered delegates and frie ds by the Young People's Society of the church, and refreshments served.

THIRD SESSION

On Wednesday morning at 9 a. m. the session opened with a devotional half-hour, con-

ducted by Rev. Oscar Nelson, of Rockford. Rev. Nelson had chosen "Samuel" as the subject of his remarks, and very aptly compared the young people of the Lutheran Church to that well-known Bible character.

After a brief intermission the regular business session was called to order by Mr. S. H. Holstad, vice-president of the League. The treasurer, Mr. H. W. Theis, of Beardstown, submitted his report.

The Committee on Resolutions reported that it gave its sanction to the first two clauses of the president's report, regarding the printing of the constitution of the Luther League of Illinois, to be used in Extension work, also the publishing of a handbook containing the constitution, statistics, etc., of League work in Illinois. The committee indorsed the action of the National League in taking steps to securing a salaried general secretary. It recommended that a vote of thanks be tendered the officers in recognition of their efficient services during the past year, the speakers who addressed the convention, and the pastor and congregation of the church for their kindness and hospitality. The report was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following nominees for offices:

President, Prof. C. O. Solberg, Ottawa.

Recording Secretary, Miss May C. Mellander, Elgin.

Statistical Secretary, Mr. Emanuel Hofsten, Rockford.

Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Theis, Beardstown.

Executive Committee:

Rev. F. L. Sigmund, Carthage.

Mr. S. H. Holstad, Chicago.

Mr. Francis Hughes, Dixon.

They were elected unanimously.

The convention then listened to an able address on "The Christian Life," by Rev. W. H. Blancke, of Davenport, Iowa. This was also requested for publication in the REVIEW. The session adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. H. Stenberg, of Leland.

FOURTH SESSION

The fourth session opened at 2 p. m. with the usual devotional exercise. The addresses of the afternoon were to treat of "Aids to the Christian Life." The topic had been divided into four sub-topics, assigned different speakers. Rev. J. H. Stenberg, of Leland, spoke on "The Word and Prayer." In the absence of Rev. J. M. Francis, of Springfield, who had been assigned "The Worship of the Sanctuary and the Holy Communion," that subject had to be reluctantly omitted. "The Christian Year" was the topic treated of by Rev. A. Hult, of Chicago, and in the absence of Mrs. Mary L. Newcomer, Rev. Chas. P. McLaughlin, of Chicago, addressed the convention on "Christian Service." All the above addresses were much appreciated by the audience. At the adjournment of the session the delegates visited in a body the beautifully situated and finely equipped State Normal School of Northern Illinois, located in the vicinity.

FIFTH SESSION

The devotional exercises that opened the last session of the convention were conducted by Rev. Seiberling, of Chicago. Mr. S. H. Holstad then read a paper, entitled "The Young People's Society—Present Status and Methods of Working." Three short farewell addresses were delivered by

Rev. H. B. Kildahl, Chicago.

Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, Chicago.

Rev. Oscar Nelson, Rockford.

After the singing of "A Mighty Fortress" the following resolution was submitted to the convention:

"In sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the wonderful manner in which He has blessed all the proceedings of this our sixth convention, we, the representatives of the Luther League of the State of Illinois, desire to render unto our God the praise due unto His name for the abundant grace which He has bestowed upon us. May the grace not be bestowed in vain, but in His own time bear fruit to the glory of our Lord and Master, and the upbuilding of the Church which He has bought with His own precious blood."

It was, indeed, a solemn moment when the president asked all in favor to rise and repeat the Lord's Prayer, and the whole congregation in quiet reverence rose, and with heart and head bowed offered up the last prayer of the convention in the words of the Master Himself. Rev. H. B. Kildahl pronounced the final benediction.

The sixth convention of the Luther League of Illinois has passed into history, but those present will remember it as the best attended and most inspiring convention ever held in Illinois, and strengthened by the encouragement it afforded will go out to do more efficient work for the blessed Master than ever before. The delegates will cherish only pleasant memories of De Kalb and the people who so hospitality opened their homes for their reception, and contributed so largely toward making the convention a success.

Luther League of Indiana-Kentucky

Fourth Convention at Anderson, Ind., September 18, 19, 1900

THE fourth annual convention of the Luther League of Indiana and Kentucky was held at Anderson, Ind., in St. John's Church, Rev. Wm. J. Finck, pastor, September 18 and 19. The convention was opened by Rev. Finck on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with devotional exercises. The president being absent on account of sickness, the meeting was called to order by the secretary, Rev. Finck. Rev. W. Ira Guss, of Elwood, Ind., was chosen temporary chairman. The delegates being enrolled, the convention proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. W. Ira Guss, Elwood, Ind., pres.
Rev. A. C. Anda, Goshen, Ind., vice-pres.
Rev. Wm. J. Finck, Anderson, Ind., sec.
Miss Michaels, Goshen, Ind., treas.
Miss Gertrude Tangeman, Richmond, Ind., cor. sec.

At the evening service the convention received a very hearty welcome by the pastor loci, although the delegates felt already quite well at home by this time. Rev. Guss responded in a happy manner.

The address of the evening was to give the keynote of the convention, "No Loyalty Without the Foundation of Knowledge." The address was made by Rev. C. Huber, of Richmond, Ind. The object of this topic was to show that if we are to be devoted to Christ and His Church as held by the Lutheran Church, it was absolutely necessary to have the right conception of Christ, and a proper knowledge of the history of the Church. When this is the case, we will undoubtedly be loyal. The meetings on Thursday were full of interest. Rev. Dozer, of Alexandria, Ind., and Rev. Leader, of Richmond, Ind., led the devotional exercises. Mrs. Rev. C. L. V. Dozer read a very interesting paper on the topic, "The Luther Leaguer Away from Home." The Luther Leaguer, as a member of the Lutheran Church, is instructed in the doctrines of the Church; he is thus trained in the way he should go, and no matter where he will go to pursue his calling, no matter how far away from home he will seek for the Church of his fathers; and if he can find one in the place where he lives, he will make that his church home, will gladly become an earnest worker in the same.

Miss Gertrude Randall, of Elwood, Ind., read an instructive paper on Luther Leagues and missions. She traced the missionary activity of the Lutheran Church from its early beginnings, showing that she has been a missionary Church, and that the young people of our Church should be both well informed and very active in missionary work. "The Future of Our Bi-State Work" was discussed by Revs. E. G. Howard, Louisville, Ky., and A. C. Anda, Goshen, Ind. There had been some feeling as though it might perhaps be better to dissolve the bi-State relationship on account of distance, for we are separated far upon the wall. Hence, this matter was very frankly and fully considered, and the unanimous conclusion reached that the time had not come to make a change, since we could be mutually helpful to one another. Interesting and helpful papers were presented by Rev. W. Ira Guss on "League Music and League Entertainment," by Miss Mabel Mayne Camden, Ind. These papers were of a high order, and presented many important suggestions. Since the Luther League of Indiana and Kentucky has had no meeting for various reasons for several years, it has fallen behind with its obligations to the National League. The treasurer was instructed to pay these obligations as soon as possible, paying immediately as much as is in the treasury. Action was also taken in reference to the employing of a General Secretary, who could devote all his time to the work of the League. The delegates at this meeting were instructed to bring this matter to the attention of their societies, and find out how much each society would be willing to do, and report promptly to the corresponding secretary, Miss Gertrude Tangeman, of Richmond, Ind.

The meeting on Wednesday evening was of an interesting character. The topics that had been assigned were of great importance. Lutheran History was discussed by Rev. A. J. Reichert, Mulberry, Ind; Lutheran Doctrine, by Rev. C. L. V. Dozer, Alexandria, Ind., and in the absence of Rev. W. S. Dysinger, Rev. Dr. J. C. Jacoby, of Webster City, Iowa, who was present, kindly consented to take his place, and discussed Lutheran Practices. These brethren did full justice to these important and practical subjects. The convention was, indeed, a success. The affairs of the League are in good hands for the coming year, and we look for advancement all along the line. Rev. Finck and his kind people deserve much credit for the arrangements they made, and the generous entertainment of the convention.

He Preached After All

By Katharine S. Cronk

From the *Southern Lutheran*

IF he had not been such a little mite of a boy it would not have seemed so strange; but as it was every one who came on the train smiled at the little boy with the big name and long address fastened onto his coat. Printed plainly on a card, which was securely sewed to his coat, was Melancthon Luther Fliedner, Covington, Cooke County, Ill. No one seemed to know anything about him more than this tag revealed. The pleading brown eyes, that seemed unnaturally large in the pale little face, looked wistfully over the car. He had been put on the train at a small station in Ohio, and the conductor had barely had time to tell him that he would see him safely through and had hurried off to another car. The train was full of men who were more interested in their papers than they were in lonely little boys. Finally a drummer threw aside his paper and yawned, while his eye rested on the boy with the tag.

"Dull trip," he said to the man by his side, "let's see if we can't have some fun out of this little chap over here."

He went over and took hold of the tag.

"Look here, little man, you ought to be in the baggage car, along with the other express."

The little fellow looked up at him pitifully. The big eyes filled with tears, his lip quivered.

"I can't do it," he said.

The man looked down in amazement. He thought the boy was a plucky little fellow.

"Why, bless my heart, I was only joking. You are all right in here."

"I don't mean about the baggage car," said the boy, and all of his pent up feeling rushed out at the first outlet it had found for so many hours. Evidently his mind had been so completely occupied by another thought that the drummer's attempt at jesting had been unheeded.

"I mean about being a preacher. You know for years and years, ever since grandfather's father came from Germany and I suppose years before that, too, we have all of us been named Melancthon Luther Fliedner, and all of us have been preachers, and when father died when I was a baby he put his hand on my head, and said: 'God grant you may rise up to do the work I intended to do.' I know exactly what he said because mother told me about it so often. And then last week," and again his lip quivered, "last week when mother died she held my hand, and said: 'My boy, my only prayer for you is that your father's prayer may be answered.' And she talked to me so sweet and low and told me she knew I would be all she wanted me to be and that God would take care of me. And then I didn't know anything more until Dr. Morris was standing by me rubbing my hands and I heard him say: 'Poor little fellow, it's a pity he didn't go first. It's only a matter of a few months or years with him at best. I believe he was born with the consumption. All of his mother's folks died with it, and it seems to me he is getting weaker instead of gaining strength.'"

The passengers near by laid aside their papers and were listening. A brakeman paused behind the seat to see what the matter of interest was, but unconscious of his attentive audience, the boy went on:

"Now you see I just can't do it. I don't mind dying. I would rather be with mother and father. Nobody wants me here. They are sending me to the orphans' home now because there is nobody to take care of me. But father will be so disappointed if I do not do the work he intended to do, and I wanted to be a preacher."

The sentence was ended with sobs as he laid his head on the man's shoulder. The drummer was strangely touched by the simple recital of the boy's hopes and disappointment, but he could think of nothing to do but to lay his hand on the hot little head, and say: "Never mind."

"I don't know but one way I can do it, and I can't do that," said the boy with childish contradiction, "and that would be to get somebody else instead. When they wanted Uncle Harry to go to the war and he couldn't go, he paid a man $1,000 to go in his place, but I haven't any money but $10 I saved, and I know I couldn't get anybody for that."

The interest of the listeners around had grown with the story. There was little else to attract their attention. Few passengers were getting off or on, the stations were far apart, and the drizzling rain made the flat, level country look less interesting than usual. The brakeman and the drummer had a few words of hurried consultation. Then off came the drummer's hat:

"Boys, let's help," he said, and he dropped $10 in the hat.

Perhaps it was because the men had finished reading their papers and welcomed this as they would have any other break in the monotony of the long trip; perhaps it was because their sympathy for the lonely little boy had been aroused and money was to them the expression of sympathy; per-

haps it was that his story had brought to memory forgotten chapters in their own lives, and they felt that their gifts might in some way atone for the neglect of the opportunities that had come to them—who can analyze the motives that influence the hearts of men? At any rate, some motive there was that reached almost every heart, and the enthusiasm once aroused grew as the hat was passed and the unique purpose of the contribution was explained.

A fatherly looking old man came and sat down in the drummer's place. He looked at the address on the card.

"I am going to Covington, too," he said. "It is the next station. I am a minister and am going to our Synod that is meeting there."

"I wanted to be a preacher," said the boy, as he swallowed the lump that seemed to rise in his throat, "but I can't."

"Perhaps you may preach many sermons yet," said the minister, who had heard the whole story.

The train stopped at Covington. The minister alighted, and behind came the boy, but as he went the drummer pressed a purse into his hand, and said:

"Use it any way you want; it don't matter to us just so you use it."

Some one started a cheer, but somehow it seemed out of place. Instead every one on the car pressed forward to hold in his own for a second the hand of an unknown little boy.

"All aboard," shouted the conductor, as if impatient of the delay, but before he swung himself up on the step, he pressed the boy's hand and brushed a tear from his own eye.

The superintendent of the orphanage was there to meet the new boy, but after a few minutes talk with the minister they all walked around to the church were Synod was in session. As they entered a hot discussion on the endowment of the Theological Seminary was just ending.

"Are you ready for the question," said the president.

The minister arose.

"Mr. President," he said, "I was prevented from being here sooner, but hastened on as soon as possible in order to take part in this discussion. But on the way I met some one who can, I think, present some arguments better than I." He leaned down and spoke to the boy at his side. "Tell them about your wanting to be a preacher," he said.

The boy shrank back timidly, but as all of his hopes arose before him the congregation faded away—all save the kind looking man in the chair in front. To him the boy told the story of his hopes and of his father's and mother's hopes for him and of his disappointment. It was a simple, childlike recital, but it came from the heart, and it reached the hearts of those who heard it. And then with eyes shining with joy he carefully ripped the lining of his coat, and, taking out a little bag which contained the long hoarded $10, he placed it with the purse in the president's hand, and said:

"You will know somebody to get for me."

A hush fell on the Synod. The president cleared his throat a number of times before he asked again, "Are you ready for the question?"

A delegate arose. "Mr. President," he said, "I opposed the endowment of the Seminary. I thought we could not do it, but I want to say that my opinion is changed. I, too, feel now that I want some one to preach in my place. And if we as delegates can impart to our congregations the feeling that has been imparted to us, our Seminary endowment is certain. And let us remember that before we can enlist the sympathy of others, and expect the Lord's blessing we must rip the lining of our own coats and start the list by our hoarded $10."

The motion was put before Synod. The president announced it carried. Not carried unanimously, but carried with an enthusiasm and determination that had before been unknown.

In the chapel of a Western seminary is a tablet bearing this inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Melancthon Luther Fliedner, to whose example and influence, this seminary in a large part owes its endowment."

How to Help.

To have willing feet,
A smile that is sweet,
A kind, pleasant word
For all that you meet—
That's what it is to be helpful.
In a mild, gentle way
To help through the day,
To make some one happy
In work or in play—
That's what it is to be helpful.

—*Selected.*

John Westoff—Lutheran

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Luther League Topics

Outlined and Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Nov. 4. 21st week after Trinity.

Ezekiel

(Ezekiel II)

Themes for Papers.—"What we Know of the Life of Ezekiel."—"Ezekiel's Prophetic Place and Message."—"The Character of Ezekiel."—"The Cessation of Idolatry in Israel."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. Let us not fail to reverence the word of God that comes to us with such solemn sanction. It is most interesting to study the accounts that the various prophets give, of the calls that came to them. So here, in this second chapter of Ezekiel's prophecies, we are impressed with the simple, grave narrative of the way in which the Spirit of God gave him his work to do. Ezekiel was no weak-minded enthusiast, to fashion hallucinations out of his brain. He was a serious, judicious, influential man, truthful and honest, and as we give credence to his story, we must feel, what he continually emphasizes, that he brings to us the word of God. Yet this is no less true of the other parts of the sacred volume. To accept the dicta of latter day critics, we must accept irrational and inconceivable views of the characters and claims of men who were held as the best and noblest of their times. As for us, we will stand with the fathers and reverence those who brought God's messages.

2. God sometimes calls to very discouraging tasks. The people Ezekiel was to address were characterized as a "rebellious nation," "impudent children and stiff hearted," and no promise that they would hear was given. Yet the prophet accepted the call and went to work. It is a comfort to the pastor, Sunday school teacher and League worker to-day to remember that the inspired ambassador of earlier times was also rejected and could not compel reverence or acceptance. It is a lesson good to learn, that success lies not in the results, but in the faithfulness of our obedience to God's commands.

3. To every servant of His, God says "be not afraid of them." It is an oft repeated encouragement. And, as God does not waste words, we cannot doubt that even Joshua, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and others to whom such messages were spoken felt the need of them. The days are past when there was actual danger to the body. We scarcely need old John Trapp's reminder, "Kill us they may; hurt us they cannot." But the sneer, the taunt, the subtle weapons of the foe, have still their power to divert and terrify the follower of Jesus. If not in the same way, yet truly we all have need of the spirit of Chrysostom, in his memorable message, "Go tell the empress that I fear nothing but sin."

Nov. 11. 22d week after Trinity.

Daniel

(Daniel VI)

Themes for Papers.—"Daniel's Life Story."—"Daniel's Great Test."—"Daniel's Character."—"Luther Compared with Daniel."—"Suggested Thoughts."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. Have we such a testimonial from our enemies as Daniel had? A glorious record that, in which no fault could be found, despite the publicity of his life, and the enormous business and political interests in which he was engaged, except that he was absolutely faithful in his religious life and loyal to the truth as he knew it! The only fault visible to men was a virtue in the sight of God. Is it not a worthy ambition for us that such beauty of private character, such spotlessness in public dealings may be found in us? God can make Daniels to-day as easily as then.

2. How great is the value of righteous habit! In the time of his great test and trial Daniel had but to do "as he did aforetime." That made it easier. If he had been obliged to strike out some new path he might have failed. If he had not known the preciousness of regular, frequent waiting upon God he might easily have been led to wavering, and thence to denial of his Lord. But the devout custom of years had strengthened him and in the critical hour he was ready. Are you? Are you preparing, as he did, a Christian character ready for any test. When the hour comes will you have all the power of years of consecrated life behind you?

3. One man's faithfulness may mean a nation's deliverance. It was so here. Darius' decree, produced by Daniel's experience, exalted the God of Israel and made all His worshipers free to acknowledge Him. After the centuries, the fearlessness of Luther did still greater things for a far wider circle. And even if you and I have but a limited sphere of influence, yet there are souls that our faithfulness and courage will help or hinder. Which shall it be?

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Nov. 25. 24th week after Trinity.

Nehemiah,

Or, A Nation at Home (Thanksgiving)

(Nehemiah IV 8: 9–18)

Themes for Papers.—"The Return of Israel."—"The Restoration of the Nation."—"Nehemiah as a Ruler."—"Thoughts for Application."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: We need men to rule over us who are of the type of Nehemiah.

1. Men who are unselfishly interested in the welfare of their fellows. This man, high in position, in rank and in influence seems to care for nothing so much as to hear good news of his people in their distant land. He is not satisfied with all that he has so long as their interests do not prosper. He gives up his ease and affluence to go to their help. The fact that the bulk of them, without his place or prosperity, preferred to remain in their homes in Babylon, shows that he chose the less desirable course. He was not a self seeker. Oh, for men who will forsake their own selfish gain for the good of the people. With such in our positions of power we should have cause indeed for national thanksgiving.

2. Men of prayer and trust in God. This was the key of Nehemiah's life. Read the story and you see how he consulted with God at every step, and how sure he was that with God's blessing all was secure. He who does not recognize his responsibility to the King of Kings is no worthy office bearer. All true government is based on God and His law, and the man who does not revere and honor God is not the best type of governor. It is a tribute to the power of Christian influence in our land that a prominent infidel was a few years ago deterred from seeking office by his party friends, because his defeat, on the ground of his infidelity, was deemed sure. Let us thank God that our Chief Magistrate is a Christian man, and that so many of our rulers do recognize God.

3. Men of courage to oppose enemies and to institute needed reforms. This follows on the preceding. But not every God fearing man has the splendid talents of the Governor of Jerusalem. In our thanksgiving not forgetting all the noble and gifted men in high place in our land, let us also remember that our rulers are the men we choose, and that we are responsible for them. Let us not forget nor avoid the obligations of Christian citizenship, nor fail to realize that in so far as our holy religion makes men better, in so far the Church is working for the best interests of the State. The more men of spiritual likeness to Nehemiah we have in our homes and marts, the more will ennoble our government in its loftiest stations.

Nov. 18. 23d week after Trinity.

Esther

(Esther IV)

Themes for Papers.—"The Book of Esther."—"Xerxes, in Profane and Sacred History."—"Esther's Resolve."—"A Ringing Home Mission Appeal." (Esth. 4:14.)—"Suggested Thoughts."

Lessons for Our Own Lives: 1. We still have to fight "the old deadly foe." He takes on many forms, uses now Darius, now Haman, now some other; opposes now the Jews, now the Christians, now the followers of God under some particular name or with some new pretext, but it is the same foe, and we need the same consecration and valor. In our time he seeks not blood, his watchword is often "religious tolerance," and he deludes men with the new persuasion that all faiths and no faith are equally good. Now he works more wisely, for if he undermines the foundations of faith, deprives the old Book of its due reverence, and sweeps men away in the tide of worldliness and indifference he has taken thousands where by the old methods he slaughtered tens! Shall we be deceived, and lay us down to sleep with words of peace upon our lips? Or shall we put on the whole armor and fight like men?

2. Every life has its own mission. If Esther had "come to the kingdom for such a time as this" we, too, have come to our own sphere and task for our own service. If Esther had failed there would, undoubtedly, have arisen "enlargement and deliverance. . . . from another place," but she would have lost her reward and have wasted God's purpose in her life. And if we fail we shall be dastards and idlers, triflers with the gifts and grace of God, even though other men do our work for us, and the eternal purposes be still accomplished. Shall we shirk our duty, when the multitudes are needing the heavenly food we have? Shall we lose our privilege, when there is so much for all to do? Shall we be deaf to God's call and blind to the opportunities which He has opened before us? Then are we unworthy of every gift we have received. But if we will not then we must, like Esther, make high resolves, and straightway act upon them, for the time is short, and much hangs upon our gifts and deeds. "The King's business requireth haste" and souls are perishing.

Semi-Centennial Jubilee

Of Salem Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

THE week beginning Sunday, September 2, marked a memorable epoch in the history of the Evangelical Lutheran Salem Church, of Bethlehem, Pa. It was the fiftieth jubilee of the laying of the corner-stone, the congregation commemorating it by reconsecrating their beautified and reconstructed auditorium.

"Salem Church," originally Reformed and Lutheran, was organized December 26, 1849, the final organization being completed August 24, 1850.

The corner-stone of the first church building was laid September 1, 1850. The completed church was consecrated Easter Sunday, April 20, 1851. This service, owing to the inability of Lutheran and Reformed pastors to attend on that day, was conducted by two Moravian pastors, Revs. Seidel and Schultz.

The congregation was incorporated September, 1852. The first Sunday school was organized April 17, 1853. The first superintendent was Rev. A. R. Horn, D.D., who now resides in Allentown. The school in those early times could only use the church by special permission, and not till 1855 were they allowed to use the church for their regular sessions. Three of the scholars of Salem Sunday school have entered the ministry, Rev. G. U. Wenner, D.D., Rev. Uriah Meyers and Rev. W. L. Smith, the latter deceased.

In 1869 the union with the Reformed was severed, and the congregation became distinctively Lutheran, and a rapid development of the congregation, numerically and spiritually, followed. The last services in the old Salem Church were held May 9, 1886. The present handsome and commodious church was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Enoch Smith, and was consecrated on his fiftieth birthday, March 31, 1889.

Organized with 34 members in 1850, although six other Lutheran congregations have grown up around her in the meantime, old Salem now numbers more than 800 members, and has two large and active Sunday schools, and in all departments of church work shows a healthy, vigorous and prosperous condition to exist.

The improvements at this time, costing nearly $2,500, consisted in a complete readjustment of the pulpit and altar to harmonize with strictest Lutheran usage; the walls decorated in a beautiful light terra cotta, new carpets to blend, new wainscoting and other alterations.

Salem Church, today in the correctness and churchliness of its appointments, and in the accuracy and beauty of the rendering of the services is a model.

The congregation in its working has exemplified its name Salem—*i. e., peace,* probably largely through the fact that the present improvements, as all former undertakings, have been executed on the plan of free-will gifts and paid for without contracting of debts. This fact augurs well for the next half century now so auspiciously begun. The present active and popular pastor is Rev. C. F. W. Hoppe, who has served since 1893.

Those who delivered addresses during the Jubilee were Rev. J. J. Kuendig, D.D., Rev. F. L. Seip, D.D., Rev. J. F. Lambert, Rev. H. H. Brunning, Ph.D., Rev. S. A. Repass, D.D., Rev. J. A. W. Haas, B.D., Revs. J. S. Erb, W. L. Hunton, G. F. Spieker, D.D., and J. W. Bieber. Revs. W. D. C. Keiter, F. F. Fry and W. F. Schoener, assisted the Rev. Hoppe in the Altar Services.

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Editorial

Faith of our Fathers! living still,
In spite of dangerous fire and sword;
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy,
Whene'er we hear that glorious word;
Faith of our Fathers! Holy Faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Well may the young Lutheran of our time sing thus, for it was the Lutheran Reformation which restored to the world the three greatest blessings the world possesses today—namely, the pure gospel, the open Bible and civil and religious liberty. Therefore we do well to celebrate the Reformation Festival, and keep alive the memory of the great benefits the Lutheran Church, under God's leading, has brought to the world.

The recurrence of the Reformation Festival ought not to become wearisome or commonplace, but grow in interest as we see, year by year, more fully and clearly how great are the benefits of Luther's work. Let our young people get a right conception and appreciation of our Lutheran heritage, and they cannot help but be enthusiasts for "The Faith of our Fathers." Therefore the Luther Leagues can do no greater service to the Church than to arrange as many and as excellent Reformation Day, or Luther Day, meetings as possible. Every League and every Central League ought to put forth earnest efforts to hold such meetings and make them as inspiring as possible. Will your League hold such a meeting? If you cannot arrange for anything else have the article on Luther's Battle Hymn printed in this number read at your meeting by one of the members.

In this Reformation season, when we turn to the study of the life of that devout and faithful servant of God, Martin Luther, let us remember his home life. It was a splendid example of what should characterize the Christian family life. Recall his stress upon family worship. Prayer, Bible reading, catechetical instruction in the family, these marked his home life. How many Lutheran families are true to that heritage? Do these things characterize your home life? Their importance cannot be overrated. Would that this Reformation season might be marked by an awakening in the hearts of many of our Lutherans to the great importance of Lutheran home life, and many family altars be reared anew, and prayer, Bible and catechism quicken us to new and fuller loyalty to our grand old Lutheran faith.

How great has been the progress of our beloved Lutheran Church in the last 25 years, in spite of our losses and mistakes! Surely ours must be a pure faith, or it could not have risen triumphant over so many and great obstacles. God has been with us, and how rich have been His blessings! Well may our Church lift up its voice, and sing: "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Wherever we look the future is bright with promises for our Lutheran Church in America. Only let us hold fast to the pure faith as delivered to us by the fathers and show our faith by our works.

My Church! my Church! my dear old Church!
My father's and my own!
On Prophets and Apostles built,
And Christ the corner stone!
All else beside, by storm or tide
May yet be overthrown,
But not my Church, my dear old Church,
My father's and my own!

Then here, my Church! my dear old Church!
Thy child would add a vow,
To that whose token once was signed
Upon his infant brow.
Assault who may, kiss and betray,
Dishonor and disown;
My Church shall yet be dear to me,
My father's and my own!

The cooler weather removes the enervation which has been felt during the excessive heat of the past season, and reminds us, in the recovery of natural strength, that there is work to be done during the coming month, not only work for our daily bread, but work in that field in which the Lord has given us a portion to tend. Now is the time for each one to plan what can be done to accomplish this ork. It may be that this can be done alone; it may be as a member of the League or Society; it may be as a church member; but let each one ever pray and act, realizing that the responsibility is upon each to do his particular duty, and not leave it to some one else. It is the shirkers who retard the work.

We are in the midst of a political campaign to which many are urged by their respective parties to contribute. Immense sums of money are thus collected, and freely spent for the election of the candidates. Much of it is wasted, if common report may be believed, yet very many are ready to contribute much more than their salaries and wages will permit, in order to retain their position or hold the little power in the party which they possess. What an example to those who are in the Church and engaged in Church work. Remarkable, too, the readiness with which men give and help in a worldly cause, and yet they forget their duty in the greatest of a'l undertakings. If one-half the money wasted in political campaigns could be used for the cause of missions, Christianity and civilization would be advanced, and the persecutions, of which we hear, would not be known. When the Church awakens to the realization of its duty in the way of giving and of work, then will Christianity advance rapidly.

A new work is opened to our Church in this country to which we should diligently attend. Last year about 15,000 Finnish peasants came to this country, and this year, it is reported, one steamship line intends to bring 55,000 of these people to our land. One of our weeklies, in speaking of their character, says: "No other region so far north is as intelligently tilled. Eleven-twelfths of the peasants are agriculturists, and have their instruction in the matter of farming. The Finnish Government has supported a dozen schools." Threatened by a Greek Catholic crusade, which deprived them of all worship according to the dictates of their own consciences, these people left their own land, are now among us ready to do their part as good citizens, and it is hoped that efforts will be made whereby they may be retained in the faith to which they have so heartily clung.

We are forcibly reminded that all men cannot be leaders; that some must be at the head to manage while others follow the directions of their leaders. That strikes are not common is a subject for congratulation, for when they do come, all parties, both employee and employer, suffer, and the community suffers with them both. But strikes are not confined to the commercial world. Many are the men and women who strike against the rule of Jesus Christ, and do what they can with their little human power against Him and His cause. It may be wickedness in their hearts, or it may be personal feelings which influence, but the result is like the strike in the commercial world, not favorable, and suffering is the consequence. Only the grace of God can influence such, and it should be our aim to bring the knowledge of that grace unto many who can be reached by a word or personal influence.

The Juniors' Work

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS INTENDED FOR THIS PAGE TO REV. C. ELVIN HAUPT, D.D., GRACE PLACE, LANCASTER, PA.

Shooting Sparks

Now that the autumn, the delightful days for action, are here, it may be suggestive to note some of the many ways in which the advancing corps of Juniors may be useful to the main body of the Church.

You may not be able to carry every one of these ideas into effect, but perhaps one or more of these stray sparks may give fire that will kindle the zeal for the work into a glowing flame, or lead to other ways of working.

First. Pray for the cause of Christ, the Church.

Second. Work in the cause of Christ, the Church.

Third. Sustain the great efforts of the congregation rather than the "outside organizations" that are doing the work of the Church, with no credit to her.

Fourth. Take good care of everything we use—that is, the property of the Church.

Fifth. Attend without fail, without having a vow to compel us to come.

Sixth. Introduce the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, the broadest serial in the Lutheran Church to-day, as to its scope. Get as many readers and subscribers as you can.

Seventh. Put a bound volume of the REVIEW into your Sunday school library.

Eighth. Use the Topics, prepared for the Junior work.

Ninth. Organize a chorus of boys and girls for fine musical work.

Tenth. Do mission work by leading others. Your invitation and your example will be very useful, if you try earnestly. Hunt the straying ones.

Eleventh. Try to induce church membership in those not yet professing Christ.

Twelfth. Take flowers to the sick members.

Any one can do any of these things.

System

In visiting a large factory where shoes were being made, the writer was greatly impressed with the wonderful advantage of system.

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On Leaving Church

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IN SOME OF THE LARGE CITIES

New York City

— On Thursday, October 4, the Harvest Home Festival of the Wartburg Orphan Asylum will be held. At this time the cornerstone for the half-orphan home is to be laid. This building, which is to cost $15,000, is a memorial to Gustave Adolf Kropf and is erected by his father, a member of St. Mark's Church, Manhattan. Addresses are to be made by Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas and Rev. G. C. Eisenhardt, director of the Germantown, Philadelphia, Orphanage. Special train leaves Grand Central Depot at 1 o'clock.

— The corner-stone of the new Lutheran Church of the Advent, Broadway and Ninety-third street, was laid by the pastor, Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., on Sunday, September 23, at 12 o'clock, in the presence of a large congregation. The new edifice, which will be a magnificent gothic stone structure and will cost nearly $100,000, is destined to be one of the leading churches on the West Side of New York City. It will be fully described in a coming issue of this paper.

— St. Matthew's Church of Melrose, East 151st street, formerly served by Revs. A. Behrens and P. Schweier, recently elected Rev. W. T. Junge of Newburg as their pastor. He has already taken charge.

— Rev. John A. W. Haas of New York City has been invited by the Lutheran Pastors' Association of Charleston, S. C., to deliver the address at the joint celebration of Reformation Sunday, to be observed in St. Andrew's Church, Rev. J. A. B. Scherer pastor.

Brooklyn

— Rev. Theo. Gross, pastor of St. Paul's German Church, died on August 12.

— The new Swedish Lutheran Zion Church at Fifty-ninth street and Eleventh avenue, Blythebourne, was dedicated on September 16. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. C. A. Blomgren, the Rev. Dr. L. P. Ahlquist, the Rev. Dr. L. H. Beck and the Rev. Dr. S. Pearson.

— Rev. J. S. Brodeen preached his farewell sermon to his congregation at St. Paul's Swedish Church on the 26th ult. He sailed for Sweden on the 30th ult, where he enters the service of the State church.

Philadelphia

— On Sunday, September 2, a consecration service was held in St. James' German Lutheran Church, when three missionaries were set apart for work in the India field. They were Rev. E. Neudoerfer, son of the president of the Canada Synod; Miss Martha Strempfer, daughter of Rev. J. Strempfer of Toledo, Ohio; and Miss Emilie Weiskotten, daughter of Rev. F. W. Weiskotten of Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth spoke the parting words to the mission band. The act of consecration was performed by three members of the Foreign Missionary Board, Revs. Dr. Grahn, Dr. Schaeffer and F. W. Weiskotten, who delivered the charge.

Pittsburg

— Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Etna, near Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. J. M. Gress pastor, has let the contract for a church building, which is to cost about $6,000, exclusive of the lot. This mission was organized seven months ago, with 52 members. The number has increased to 96 and the Sunday school has an enrollment of 180.

Rochester

— George Ellwanger has given a tract of land valued at $15,000 to the German Protestant churches of the city, to be used as a home for the aged. The organization receiving the gift is composed of all the *German* Protestant churches in this city, including Baptists, Methodists, Independent Lutherans, Missouri Lutherans and churches affiliated with the General Council.

Baltimore

— It is announced that the Church of the Reformation will be self sustaining after November 1. Rev. U. S. G. Rupp is the successful pastor.

Milwaukee

— Rev. S. Mlotkowsky of Logansville, Wis., has organized a Polish Lutheran congregation. Services are held in the school building of St. Martin's Church every four weeks.

Columbus

— The golden jubilee of Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, was celebrated on September 3. There were German and English addresses delivered on the occasion, and special music under the leadership of Prof. Theo. Mees, Ph.D., of

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NEW YORK STATE

— St. John's Church, Hudson, N. Y., Rev. Koller pastor, has received a legacy of $6,500 from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. I. Bachman. Mr. and Mrs. Bachman died a number of years ago, and upon the death of their son, Edward, who passed away recently, this amount was to be paid to St. John's Lutheran Church.

— Rev. F. R. Hoffman, who for 12 years has served the German Church at Redwood, N. Y., has accepted a unanimous call to Niagara Falls and has already removed to that place.

PENNSYLVANIA

— Rev. E. M. Beysher began his labors as pastor at Sayre, Pa., Sunday, Sept. 16.

— Three services were held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Ardmore, Pa., on September 9, to celebrate this triple anniversary of the founding of the church in 1765, of the organization of the Sunday school in 1820 and of the dedication of the present church building in 1875. Rev. M. Coover is the pastor of the church.

— Coudersport is the county seat of Potter County, Pa., located at the head of the St. Lawrence and Mississippi Rivers, about the highest point in the Allegheny Mountains. It is very pleasant in the summer time, but cold in the winter. At this place the General Council has a pretty Gothic church. Rev. I. H. Stetler has been pastor since March, '98. During this time the congregation of 120 members has become self supporting, free of its debts, purchased a pipe organ and added stained glass windows.

— St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Allentown, Pa., Rev. H. D. Newcomer pastor, celebrated its tenth anniversary September 2. Pastor Newcomer came here about two years ago and has been very successful in his work. An old debt of over $3,000 has been paid. The church has been frescoed and carpeted and otherwise improved, and all paid for. Rev. Dr. G. W. Enders of York, Pa., preached morning and evening.

MISCELLANY

— Dr. J. M. Ruthrauff of Carthage College has been elected the president of Wittenberg College. He has been president of Carthage College for five years.

— Dr. Luther A. Gotwald, professor emeritus in Wittenberg Theological Seminary, died suddenly at Springfield, Ohio, on Saturday evening, September 15. He had just called for the reading of the evening lesson from the Scripture when he expired at once. In his departure the Church loses one of her most true and devoted servants.

— The Lutheran *Visitor* for August 23 is a "century memorial number," with tinted cover illustrated with pictures of the seminary buildings. It is devoted to the interests of the United Synod's Theological Seminary, located at Mount Pleasant, near Charleston, S. C. The synod desires to secure during 1900 and 1901 at least $30,000 as endowment for the seminary. There is also an illustrated supplement containing pictures of the buildings and various professors, from Rev. Dr. John Bachman and Rev. Dr. Ernest Louis Hazelius of the early days down to the present time.

— The Synodical Conference of North America held its annual meeting in Bay City, Mich., from August 8 to 14. Rev. J. Bading was re-elected president.

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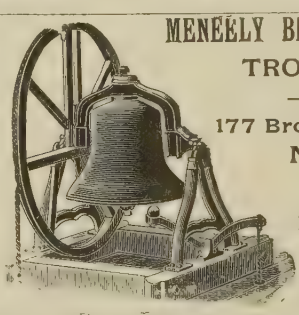
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— Recently a letter was addressed to all the officers of the Luther League of America, calling their attention to the demand for a General Secretary, the Resolution adopted at the Cincinnati convention, and requesting subscriptions, so that the salary for the first year might be secured. The first reply was from a local League in a small congregation in a large Ohio city, announcing a subscription of $10 toward the first year's salary of the General Secretary, and agreeing to pay the same in monthly instalments as soon as the appointment is made and the Secretary enters upon his duties. Surely there is interest where such a subscription is made, and an example for other Leagues to follow. If the sentiment of the Luther League of America is such as expressed by this local Ohio League, then there is not only necessity for a General Secretary, but a guaranteed support. Let other Leagues consider and follow this example. Do it quickly, for promptness means success.

NEW YORK STATE.

— The Luther League of New York City met in Gustavus Adolphus Church on Monday evening, September 17. Besides routine business, remarks were made by Dr. J. J. Young and Rev. F. C. Krapf, president of the New Jersey State League, who was present. The Executive Committee are arranging for the annual observance by the League of Luther Day.

— On October 31 Rev. J. F. W. Kitzmeyer will deliver, under the auspices of Bethany Luther League, a lecture on "Astronomy," illustrated by lantern slides.

Brooklyn

— The Brooklyn Central Luther League met in Holy Trinity Church, Rev. A. Steimle, pastor, on Monday evening, September 24, and discussed the topic "Sunday School Work."

A large delegation of earnest Lutherans came a distance of twenty miles from Rockville Centre, L. I., applying for membership in the name of Luther League of Trinity Church. Other Leagues have also signified their willingness to join, thus showing results of the earnest efforts of the President and Executive Committee.

Elaborate arrangements are being made for a proper celebration of Luther Day, about November 12, 1900.

— Much time and thought have been spent upon the excellent programme of fall meetings to occur on the first and third Wednesdays of each month by the Luther League of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. E. Roth, pastor, of Seventh street, near Fifth avenue. A number of the Lutheran pastors of Brooklyn have signified their willingness to speak at these meetings, and special solo singing and reading of topics by members will complete the meetings. The Leaguers are making a strong effort to make themselves felt in this vicinity, and their efforts, inspired by their pastor and their president, Mr. F. L. Rath, certainly deserve success, and they invite all earnest Lutherans to attend these meetings.

— On October 4 Firman Kates, Esq., United States representative at the exposition at Copenhagen, will give an illustrated lecture on Norway before the Men's League of St. Matthew's Church, Rev. A. Studebaker, D.D., pastor.

— The Luther League of the English Church of the Messiah, Greenpoint, has been organized but seven months and numbers a membership of 26. The officers are: Rev. T. G. Trexler, pres.; W. Hein, vice-pres.; Carrie Utecht, sec.; Adolph Schroder, fin. sec.; and Bendenner Hartman, treas.

Rhinebeck District

— The Executive Committee of the Rhinebeck District Luther League met at the Graceland, Hudson, Labor Day afternoon, and decided to hold the fall convention at Athens on November 13 in Zion's Lutheran Church, Rev. G. B. Hiller pastor. The following pastors, all new members of the district, have been invited to speak: Rev. Koller of Hudson, Rev. Bacher of Rondout, and Rev. Whittaker of Ancram. In addition there will be papers by one or two of the young Leaguers, followed by a discussion of the same. The district now includes 13 societies and about 600 members, and is in very good shape. Miss M. Emma Stupplebeen of Hudson is the present secretary of the district.

Buffalo League

— The Mission Committee of Holy Trinity Luther League reports the distribution of 535 papers, 70 bouquets and much fruit during the past month. A service was held at the penitentiary August 25, in which the choir boys took prominent part.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

— The Central Luther League of this city held its fall convention on September 25 in the Church of the Ascension, located on the grounds of the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy. A large audience representative of many local societies was in attendance. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Pres., Marion Reist; sec., George Heppe, and treas., Rev. E. R. Cassaday. After disposing of various items of business, Elmer E. Johnson addressed the convention on the topic, "Suggestions for Making League Meetings Interesting." He was followed by Rev. H. Branson Richards, who discussed the subject, "How to Make the Best Use of the Luther League Topics." Philadelphia promises to send a large delegation to the State Convention at Norristown. The convention closed with the prayers, singing of the Rally Hymn, and the benediction.

Reading Central

— The new "parish house" recently erected by Grace Lutheran Church, Reading, was the scene of an enjoyable reception recently, which was tendered by the pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Meyers, to the church workers, the members of the church council and their wives, the choir, the Sunday school teachers and officers, Pastor's Aid, Luther Guild and Luther League. The house contains a reception room, a study, a social room, a wedding room and others designed for special purposes. The novelty among them is the Oriental room, which is decorated with antiquities, ornaments and bric-a-brac from the Eastern countries.

Upper Lehigh Valley League

— The Luther League of Trinity Church, Lehighton, has arranged a course of monthly talks on prominent men in church history. Talks have thus far been given by Rev. E. F. Ritter, on Justin Martyn; by Rev. A. C. Wuchter, on Constantine; on Leo the Great, by Rev. J. H. Longacre; on Gregory the Great, by Rev. L. Lindenstruth; on Mohammed, by Rev. Schmoyer; on Charlemagne, by Rev. V. J. Bauer. The course extends to April, 1901.

Allentown Central

— The Christian Endeavor Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Easton, Pa., Rev. A. H. F. Fischer pastor, has contributed $25 to the Cleveland, Ohio, mission church.

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York County Central

— The Lutheran Young People's Societies of York and York County met in their sixth annual convention on September 4 in Christ's Lutheran Church, Manchester, Rev. H. C. Bixler pastor. Twenty-six societies were represented, reporting a membership of 1,218; collections to the amount of nearly $600 for running expenses, $138 benevolence and the education of ten students in the India mission field. The officers elected were: Pres., Rev. A. M. Heilman; sec., C. F. Fendrick; stat. sec., Rev. D. S. Kurtz; treas., Edward Helb. After devotional exercises, conducted by Miss Daisy I. Shutter of Wrightsville, the topic, "How Shall Our Young People's Societies do the Most Effective Work for the Church in York County?" was discussed by Revs. D. S. Kurtz and F. H. Crissman before the largest delegation the League ever had since its organization. In the absence of the regularly appointed speaker, Rev. Geo. W. Enders, D.D., set forth the "Benefits Derived from Lutheran Literature," which opened the next topic. The question box was put into the charge of Rev. J. H. Keller, and many interesting questions were answered by Rev. Dr. Enders and others. The afternoon session was opened with a model young people's devotional service, conducted by Mrs. Rev. H. E. Berkey, whose subject was "Seek Souls," based on Luke 15: 1-10. The service was a model of what the devotional part of the meeting should be. The topic, "How to Read the Bible Advantageously," was discussed by Mr. H. G. Seiling and Rev. C. P. Wiles. The parliament on "How Do you Get Your Young People to Take an Active Part in the Services?" was conducted by Rev. W. F. Bare. Mr. C. F. Fendrick read an able paper in the discussion of the topic "What Can the Church Members Do in the Way of Encouraging Our Young People in Their Work?" after which Rev. H. E. Berkey further discussed and enlarged the thought of the former speaker. Dallastown was selected as the place for holding the next meeting of the League. Six new societies have been added to the roll. The evening session opened with a 15-minute song service conducted by Mr. Charles Brubaker of York. After an anthem by the choir, Rev. W. F. Bare of Dallastown led in prayer. The subject, "Young People, Their Place and Duty," was opened by Rev. H. H. Weber of York, followed by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., Atchison, Kan. The Nominating Committee appointed the following delegates to the State League: Rev. D. S. Kurtz, Wrightsville; Rev. W. F. Bare, Dallastown; Mr. H. G. Seiling, Shrewsbury; Miss Catharine Hake, Felton; Miss Elmira Keller, Del Roy.

Williamsport District

— The Williamsport Central Luther League held its fall sesion of one day, as per resolution at the last convention, in the Lutheran Church at Montgomery, Pa., Rev. J. W. Lake, D.D., pastor, on Thursday, September 27, 1900. A report will be given next month.

Catawissa Central

— The twelfth convention of the Catawissa Central Luther League was held in Grace Church, Shamokin, Pa., Rev. J. F. Wampole pastor, on Thursday and Friday, August 23 and 24, 1900. There were 15 Local Leagues represented by 75 delegates, including ten pastors and some visiting members. In the absence of the president, First Vice-President Miss Vinnie O. Ream, Danville, opened the sessions and presided very acceptably until the election of new officers on Friday morning. As the Susquehana reunion was held on same day as opening of convention, the first session on Thursday afternoon was confined to routine business and completing roll of members and appointing of committees. On Thursday evening the address of welcome from the city was delivered by William Thomas, chief burgess, who is also a Lutheran and member of the League. Geo. S. Brown, president of Grace Luther League, then welcomed the convention delegates in behalf of Grace and Trinity Leagues of Shamokin. In absence of President Hughes, Miss Ream requested C. S. Waltz, treasurer of Catawissa, to respond, which he performed in a pleasing manner. After singing the Luther League Rally Hymn, the convention was treated to a very entertaining and instructive address on "Impressions Made During a European Tour of Lutheran Churches, of Special Interest to Lutheran Young People," by Rev. John H. Raker, Lebanon. On Friday forenoon officers for the year were elected as follows: George S. Brown, Shamokin, pres.; M. M. Doy, Mifflinville, rec. sec.; Miss Delia E. Geisinger, Espy, cor. sec.; and C. S. Waltz, Catawissa, treas., after which the topic, "The Proper Relation of the League to the Pastor and Its Work in the Congregation in Order to Secure the Greatest Benefits to All," was opened by Rev. O. E. Pflueger, Elizabethville, and James M. Miller, Espy, followed by a very warm and interesting discussion by different members of the convention. In the afternoon five delegates were elected to the State League convention to meet in Norristown on October 3 and 4—viz., Miss Vinnie O. Ream, Miss Martha Robinson, C. H. Huppert, Rev. W. C. Heyer and Rev. J. F. Wampole. On Friday evening the convention closed with a grand young people's rally at Edgewood Park, when Rev. J. M. Riemensnyder, D.D., Milton, delivered a grand address on "The Present Hour and Our Lutheran Youth," followed by two very excellent recitations by Miss Mary Campbell, Shamokin, and Mrs. Rev. J. H. Raker, Lebanon, and a grand rendering of the Luther League Rally Hymn by the entire assembly, accompanied by the whole orchestra of the park, which by special request was repeated before close of rally. It was regarded as the largest and most satisfactory convention yet held by this Central.

Kittanning Central

— The Kittanning Central Luther League met in annual convention September 13 and 14 at Brick Church, Rev. D. D. Miller pastor. A

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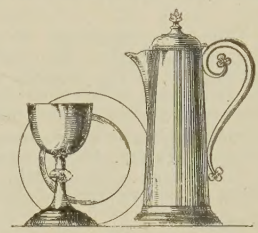
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report of the meeting had not reached the REVIEW by the time of going to press.

— The Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Church, Braddock, have assumed an expense of $85 for a new fence and paving of the alley of the church.

— The Christian Endeavor Society of St. Paul's Church, Lionville, has contributed $5 toward the support of the mission at Cleveland. During the past year it has also contributed $8 for the support of young people's work in India.

— The Luther League of a church at Venango, Rev. Payson Young, Ph.D., pastor, is pushing along and doing active work. They have been assisting in renovating the church.

Pittsburg Central

— The Pittsburg Central will hold its annual meeting on Friday, November 6, at Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allegheny, Rev. T. S. Brown pastor. There will be two sessions, afternoon and evening, the hours of each to be announced later. The Executive Committee recently held a meeting, at which a plan of visitation to the various local societies was mapped out and a programme for the coming convention prepared.

OHIO

— The Luther Leagues of Akron have voted to form a City Luther League. They intend to hold some public celebration either on Reformation Day, October 31, or Martin Luther Day, Nov. 10.

— A Luther League with 25 charter members was organized recently at the Fourth Church of Springfield, Rev. C. F. Steck pastor.

ILLINOIS

Chicago

— The present officers of the Wicker Park English Lutheran Church, Rev. Austin D. Crile pastor, are: Chas. Neilson, pres.; Ragnild S. Nelson, vice-pres.; Simon E. Schuetz, rec. sec.; Jennie J. Swanson, treas.; Adela M. Rahlfs, chorister; Frank Lange, librarian; Alvina Stut, cor. sec., 114 Evergreen avenue.

— The Luther League of Decatur, Ill., on August 1 elected the following officers: Miss Hallie Kemper, pres.; Miss Edith Kichner, sec.; Mr. Chas. Suessens, vice-pres.; Miss Lillie Raether, treas. The attendance at our League meeting has kept up well, although the congregation has been without a pastor for five months.

— In connection with the meeting of the Southern Conference of Central and Southern Illinois Synod, the young people's societies of the conference will be held in St. John's Lutheran Church, 5 miles south of Jonesboro, Ill., Rev. T. Earnheart pastor, on October 11 and 12. The topics to be discussed are as follows: "Proper Aim of Young People's Movement," Miss Hermina Block; "Method and Means," D. J. Dillow, Dongola; "Young People's Part in Missions," Geo. Heilig, Jonesboro; "Our Faithful Young People," Miss Minnie Dagle, Murphysboro.

INDIANA

— The Luther League of the La Porte District of the Illinois Conference held its second annual convention in the Swedish Lutheran Church of Elkhart, Ind., August 26. About 100 delegates and visitors from neighboring congregations were present. A good programme was presented. Mr. John Johnson of South Bend, Ind., delivered an excellent address in Swedish and Rev. A. C. Anda spoke in English on "How Can We as Lutheran Young People Best Serve Our Church?" The La Porte church choir delighted the audience with very good singing.

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MARYLAND

— A Luther League was organized in Trinity Church, Hagerstown, on September 16 with 34 charter members. Rev. Edwin Heil Delk is the pastor.

MINNESOTA

— The fifth annual convention of the Central Luther League of Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa was held at Blooming Prairie, Minn., on August 28-30. Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, president of the Minnesota State League, spoke at the first evening session on "Our Church, Its Past, Present and Future." The papers presented were as follows: "Young Christians and the Lord's Supper," by Prof. S. Olsen, St. Ausgar, Iowa; "The Distinguishing Features of the Lutheran Church," by Rev. O. G. Belstein; "What Amusements are Permissible," by Mr. Theo. P. Fagre. These papers were of a high order, being especially interesting and impressive. The officers elected were: Rev. Osmund Johnson, Blooming Prairie, pres.; Miss Minnie B. Lien, Mason City, Iowa, gen. sec.; Mr. Beeseson, Albert Lea, Minn., rec. sec.; L. F. Clausen, Austin, Minn., treas. The Leagues represented were Detroit, Mason City, Northwood and St. Ausgar, Iowa; Albert Lea, Austin and Blooming Prairie, Minn. The next meeting will be held at Northwood.

NEW JERSEY

— Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Fischer of the German Lutheran Church of Elizabeth, N. J., returned from Europe on August 24, and were accorded a hearty welcome by their congregation and the societies connected therewith. The reception by the Young People's Union took place in their meeting rooms in the school building on Monday evening, August 27. After a few well chosen words of greeting by Rev. Boehner, who served the congregation during Rev. Fischer's absence, the welcoming address was made by President F. J. Schneider, former president of the State Luther League, to which Mr. Fischer responded on behalf of himself and his wife. An address was also made by Rev. F. C. Krapf of the English Lutheran Church of Elizabeth. These addresses, with music, recitations and singing by members of the League, and a bounteous repast constituted a very pleasant programme, and made Rev. and Mrs. Fischer feel that they were indeed "welcome" and at home among their young people. On this occasion the League, which had already elected Rev. Boehner an honorary member, presented him with a gold Luther League pin.

State Conventions

Luther League of Pennsylvania

The Luther League of Pennsylvania will meet on Wednesday and Thursday, October 3 and 4, 1900. The sessions of Wednesday and Thursday morning will be held in Trinity Church, Norristown, whilst the closing session on Thursday will be held at the old historic Trappe Church. Addresses will be delivered on "Loyalty to the Church Institutions," "The Call to the Ministry, the League's Responsibility," "Use and Value of a Convention," "The Development of the Spiritual," "Young Men in the Church," "Young Women in the Church" and "Lutheranism in America, the Past, the Present, the Future." The Transportation Committee has secured special rates for the convention. Delegates and others (except clericals) must pay regular fare to nearest point where card orders apply, and use special rate from thence. Delegates from Pittsburg can buy from East Liberty, and Erie delegates from Waterford, if application is made in time to allow agents to secure special ticket form.

Book Notes

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stantly evident; he presents both sides of an argument fairly; we are sorry to find him adopting the impossible position of Harnack on I. Timothy and Titus, while holding fully to II. Timothy. The nature of Mr. Bird's attempt excludes any critical reference, but he has not fallen fully in line with the now universally accepted idea that there is much of Paul's life after the close of what the book of Acts gives. He has succeeded in writing an absorbingly interesting story, true to the text, but he has not presented sin and the cross of Christ as Paul of Tarsus presented them—they are not in his book as often nor as powerfully presented as they were in Paul's thought and words. We will say that that great Apostle and Missionary will be a far more interesting and real personage to the one who has read this book.

Attention should be called to the half dozen really excellent maps in "Christianity in the Apostolic Age."

— The Wartburg Synod convened in St. John's Lutheran Church, Springfield, Ill., Rev. W. Schuelzke pastor, Tuesday evening, August 28. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. Rosenstengel, Carthage, Ill.

— Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk and congregation celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of his pastorate in Trinity Lutheran Church, Hagerstown, Md., on Sunday, September 9.

Luther League of New York

The eighth annual convention of the Luther League of New York State will be held in the Church of the Holy Communion, Utica, Rev. F. W. Klingensmith, pastor, on October 29-31. The opening session will be held Monday evening, October 29. All societies connected with a Lutheran Church in this State are entitled to and should send two regular and two alternate delegates; District Leagues, five regular and five alternate delegates. Full particulars as to accommodations, etc., are to be had from Rev. M. J. Bieber, corresponding secretary, Binghamton, N. Y.

Luther League of Kansas

The Luther League of Kansas will hold its next annual convention at Topeka, Kan., October 16 and 17. The convention will open in the English Lutheran Church, of which Rev. H. A. Ott is pastor, and close in the Swedish Lutheran Church, of which Rev. A. M. L. Herenius is pastor.

CONNECTICUT

— The union meeting of the young people's societies of the Hartford Mission District, New York Swedish Conference, was held at Naugatuck, Conn., recently. Addresses were delivered by Revs. C. E. Cesander and A. J. Enstam. The former spoke in the English and the latter in the Swedish. Declamations and vocal solos were rendered by members of the different societies.

— The Young People's Society of the German Lutheran Church of Bridgeport celebrated its first anniversary on September 7, 1900. Rev. Max Mueller, pastor of the church, presided. The address of the occasion was delivered by Rev. G. Berkemeier of Mt. Vernon, N. Y. His earnest and stirring remarks made a deep impression on those present. The Luther League of Trinity Church, New Haven, were invited to participate in the celebration, and was represented by about twenty members. At the conclusion of the church service a supper was served by the young ladies of the society. Informal speeches were made by Revs. Mueller and Berkemeier, and by Mr. C. Gutbrod, president of the New Haven League. The Bridgeport society is in a prosperous condition.

— A collection recently raised by the members of the Luther League of Lutheran Trinity Church, New Haven, in behalf of the India Famine Fund amounted to about $9.

IN THE WEST

— The Lutheran Rally in connection with the State convention of Y. P. S. C. E. of Nebraska will be held in Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Neb., October 6, 1900. An interesting programme has been prepared. The exercises will be in charge of Rev. R. A. White.

— Rev. G. W. W. Amick has organized a Luther League in his congregation at Peabody, Kan. Miss Blanche Seybold is the secretary.

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